

b.) Remarks

Claim 15 has been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. Claims 16 and 29-32 are cancelled.

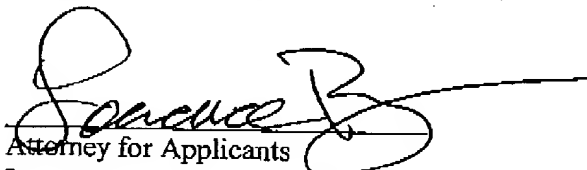
Applicants' undersigned representative conducted several telephone conferences with the Examiner who kindly reported she will allow claim 15 if lines 3-7 are amended to read --allowing the protein according to claim 4 or 5, uridine-5'-diphosphogalactose and an--. Since this amendment has been entered above, all issues herein are overcome.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants submit that the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of this application and prompt passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Claims 4, 5, 14-15, 18-19 and 25-28 are presented for continued prosecution, claims 4, 5, 14 and 25-28 having been allowed.

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